

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to Applicant's response submitted June 16, 2011. Claims 21, 27, 28, and 31-60 are pending.

In view of Applicant's arguments submitted June 16, 2011, the rejection of claims 21, 27, 28, and 31-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Connell is withdrawn. Applicant's arguments are persuasive. O'Connell's procedures, starting with the aglycone, result in installation of both sugar moieties in one step, so the compound shown in the office action mailed March 16, 2011 (obtained from CAPLUS) was not actually disclosed by O'Connell. O'Connell's method is an enzymatic synthesis which utilizes a single enzyme for the installation of both sugar moieties in one step, so O'Connell does not teach or fairly suggest a stepwise synthesis which might result in the compound shown in the office action mailed March 16, 2011.

Accordingly, Applicant's amendment as discussed above is sufficient to remove all rejections made in the prior office action and to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 21, 27, 28, and 31-60 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAYLA BLAND whose telephone number is (571)272-9572. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

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